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For: METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR RETURN  
OF DRILLING FLUID FROM A SEALED  
MARINE RISER TO A FLOATING  
DRILLING RIG WHILE DRILLING

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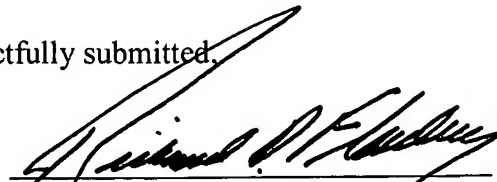
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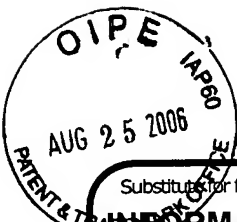
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		US - 3,405,763	10-1968	Pitts, et al	
		US - 3,421,580	01-1969	Fowler, et al.	
		US - 3,443,643	05-13-1969	Marvin R. Jones	Col. 3, Ins. 53-63; Col. 4, Ins. 8-18' see 5S below
		US - 3,583,480	06-1971	John Regan	
		US - 3,638,721	02-01-1972	Otto R. Harrison	See 6/26/2001 IPER for PCT/GB00/00726; Fig. 2; see 5L, 5O, 5P; 5Q, 5R, 5T, 5U, 5V, 5W below
		US - 3,827,511	08-06-1974	Marvin R. Jones	See 5T, 5U, 5V, 5W below
		US - 3,847,215	11-1974	Herd	
		US - 3,924,678	12-1975	Ahlstone	
		US - 4,046,191	09-06-1977	Robert Arthur Neath	See 5U, 5V, 5W below
		US - 4,149,603	04-17-1979	James F. Arnold	See 5U below
		US - 4,157,186	06-05-1979	Edwin G. Murray, et al.	See 5U, 5V below
		US - 4,313,054	01-1982	Richard M. Martini	
		US - 4,353,420	10-1982	Miller	
		US - 4,355,784	10-26-1982	Lester L. Cain	See 5U, 5V below
		US - 4,440,232	04-1984	Joseph L. LeMoine	
		US - 4,484,753	11-27-1984	Mammohan S. Kalsi	
		US - 4,509,405	04-1985	H. John Bates	
		US - 4,540,053	09-1985	Baugh, et al.	
		US - 4,597,448	07-01-1986	Benton F. Baugh	
		US - 4,626,135	12-02-1986	Joseph R. Roche	See 11/29/2004 European Pat. Office Action for Application No. 00906522.8; see 7/22/2005 Norway Pat. Office Action of Application No. 20013952; See 6/26/2001 IPER for PCT/GB00/00726;

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					see 5A 5G, 5I, 5J, 5L, 5M, 5O, 5P, 5Q below
	US - 4,736,799	04-1988	Ahlstone		
	US 4,813,495	03-21-1989	Colin P. Leach		See 11/1/2004 Norway Patent Office Action for Patent Application No. 20003950; see 5T below
	US - 4,832,126	05-23-1989	Joseph R. Roche		
	US - 5,163,514	11-17-1992	Charles E. Jennings		See Col. 1, Lns. 44-51; Col. 2, ln. 62 to Col. 3, ln. 57; and Figs 1 & 2; see 5B below
	US - 5,195,754	03-23-1993	Lannie Dietle		
	US - 5,230,520	07-27-1993	Lannie Dietle, et al.		
	US - 5,251,869	12-12-1993	Benny M. Mason		
	US - 5,325,925	07-1994	Smith, et al.		
	US - 5,348,107	09-1994	Thomas F. Bailey, et al.		
	US - 5,607,019	03-1997	Kent		
	US - 5,662,171	09-02-1997	James D. Brugman, et al.		
	US - 5,662,181	09-02-1997	John R. Williams		See YYYY, 5L, 5M, 5N, 5O, 5P, 5Q, 5U, 5V, 5X below; the whole document
	US - 5,671,812	09-1997	Bridges		
	US - 5,678,829	10-21-1997	Mammohan S. Kalsi, et al.		
	US - 5,738,358	04-14-1998	Mammohan S. Kalsi, et al.		
	US - 5,823,541	10-20-1998	Lannie Dietle, et al.		
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	US - 5,944,111	08-1999	Bridges		
	US - 6,007,105	12-28-1999	Lannie Dietle, et al.		
	US - 6,016,880	01-2000	Hall, et al.		
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	US - 6,109,618	08-29-2000	Lannie L. Dietle		
	US - 6,129,152	10-10-2000	Hosie, et al.		Col. 10, ln. 22-Col. 12, ln. 31; Figs. 1 & 2; see YYYY, 5X below

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	US - 6,138,774	10-31-2000	Adam T. Bourgoyne, Jr., et al.	See Figs & claims 1-3, noting bearing assembly 60 located in subsea apparatus above a borehole; see 5C, 5F below	
	US - 6,202,745	03-2001	Reimert, et al.		
	US - 6,227,547	05-08-2001	Lannie Dietle, et al.		
	US - 6,230,824	05-2001	Peterman, et al.		
	US - 6,354,385	03-12-2002	Ford, et al.		
	US - 6,457,529	10-01-2002	Ian Douglas Calder, et al.	See 5X below	
	US - 6,470,975	10-29-2002	Bourgoyne, et al.	See ZZZZ, 5C, 5X below	
	US - 6,478,303	11-12-2002	Radcliffe		
	US - 6,547,002	04-15-2003	Bailey, Thomas F., et al.	See 5X below	
	US - 6,554,016	04-29-2003	Joseph Kinder		
	US - 6,702,012	07-03-2003	Bailey, Thomas F., et al.	See 5X below	
	US - 6,732,804	05-2004	Hosie, et al.		
	US - 6,749,172 B2	06-15-2004	Joseph Kinder		
	US - 6,843,313	12-13-2001	Hult		
	US - 6,913,092	07-2005	Darryl Bourgoyne		
	US - 7,004,444	02-28-2006	Joseph Kinder		
	US - 7,040,394	05-06-2004	Bailey, Thomas F., et al.	Figs. 1, 7a, 7b, 8; see YYYY, 5X below	
	US - 7,080,685 B2	01-06-2005	Bailey, Thomas F., et al.	See 5X below	
	US - 2001-0050185	12-13-2001	Ian Douglas Calder	Pg. 2, ln. 15, ¶17-ln. 24; Fig. 2; see YYYY, ZZZZ below	
	US - 2003/0102136	06-05-2003	Nelson, et al.		
	US - 2003/0106712-A1	06-12-2003	Darryl Bourgoyne		
	US - 2004/0238175	12-2004	Wade, et al.		
	US - 2005/241833 A1	03-11-2005	Thomas F. Bailey		
	US - 2005/0151107	07-14-2005	Shu		
	US - 2006/0102387 A1	05-18-2006	Darryl A. Bourgoyne, et al.		
	US - 2006/0108119A1	05-25-2006	Thomas F. Bailey, et al.	See 5X below	

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		CA	2447196 A1	04-30-2004	Thomas F. Bailey, et al.	See US – 7,040,394
		GB	2394741 A	05-05-2004	Thomas F. Bailey, et al.	See US – 7,040,394
		EP	0290250 A2	11-09-1988	Conoco, Inc.	Col. 5, Ins. 1-65; Fig. 2; see 5B below and US – 4,813,495
		EP	0290250 A3	11-09-1988	Conoco, Inc.	See attached European Search Report for Appln. EP 88 30 4057 completed 08-22-1989 and US – 4,813,495
		AU	199927822 B2	09-10-1999	Williams Tool Co., Inc.	See US – 6,138,774
		AU	200028183 A1	09-08-2000	Weatherford/Lamb, Inc.	See US – 6,470,975
		AU	200028183 B2	09-08-2000	Weatherford/Lamb, Inc.	See US – 6,470,975
		GB	2,067,235 A	07-1981	Diehl	
		EP	267,140 B1	03-31-1993	Galle, et al.	
		PCT	WO99/50524 A2	10-07-1999	Mott, et al.	
		PCT	WO99/51852 A1	10-14-1999	Bridges, et al.	
		PCT	WO99/50524 A3	10-07-1999	Mott, et al.	
		PCT	WO00/52299 A	09-08-2000	Don M. Hannegan, et al.	See Figs. & claims, noting housing 14 and bearing assembly 28; see ZZZZ, 5C below; see US - 6,470,975

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	60/122,530	055010.0022	Priority Claimed in U.S. Patent No. 6,470,975B1	03-02-1999

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	XXXX	TANGEDAHL, M.J., et al. "Rotating Preventers: Technology for Better Well Control", World Oil, Gulf Publishing Company, Houston, TX, US, Vol. 213, No. 10, 10/1992, (1992-10-01) numbered pages 63-64 and 66 (3 pages) XP 000288328 ISSN: 0043-8790 (see YYYY, 5X below)	
	YYYY	European Search Report for EP 05 27 0083, Application No. 05270083.8-2315, European Patent Office, March 2, 2006 (5 pages)	
	ZZZZ	Netherlands Search Report for NL No. 1026044, dated 12/14/05 (3 pages)	
	5A	Int'l. Search Report for PCT/GB 00/00731 corresponding to U.S. Patent No. 6,470,975 (6/16/00) (2 pages)	
	5B	GB0324939.8 Examination Report corresponding to U.S. Patent No. 6,470,975 (3/21/06) (6 pages)	
	5C	GB0324939.8 Examination Report corresponding to U.S. Patent No. 6,470,975 1/22/04) (3 pages)	
	5D	2003/0106712 Family Lookup Report (6/15/06) (5 pages)	
	5E	6,470,975 Family Lookup Report (6/15/06) (5 pages)	
	5F	AU S/N 28183/00 Examination Report corresponding to U.S. Patent No. 6,470,975 (1 page) (9/9/2002)	
	5G	NO S/N 20013953 Examination Report corresponding to U.S. Patent No. 6,470,975 w/one page of English translation (3 pages) (4/29/2003)	
	5H	NESSA; D.O. & Tangedahl, M.L. & Saponja, J.: <b>PART 1:</b> "Offshore underbalanced drilling system could revive field developments", World Oil, Vol. 218 No. 7, Cover Page, 3, 61-64 and 66 (July 1997); and <b>PART 2:</b> "Making this valuable reservoir drilling/completion technique work on a conventional offshore drilling platform." -- World Oil, Vol. 218 No. 10, Cover Page, 3, 83, 84, 86 and 88 (October 1997) (see 5A, 5G above and 5I below)	

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